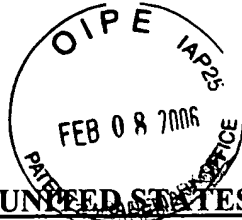


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This responds to the Office Action mailed on October 5, 2005. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

This response is accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a one-month extension of the period for responding to the Office Action, thereby moving the deadline for response from January 5, 2006 to February 5, 2006, Sunday, thereby extending until Monday, February 6, 2006.